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Student centre discussions continue

By RYAN CONNELL

Discussions surrounding a student centre at Conestoga College are ongoing, with at least one idea involving major reconstruction of the college.

Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) and the college's vice-president of student affairs, Fred Harris, discussed the location of a centre on campus and what it would include, during an in-camera session at a CSI meeting on Jan. 17. An in-camera session is a part of a meeting that is closed to the public.

The session included brainstorming ideas for centralizing the student centre in the Doon campus's main building, according to a source who wished to remain anonymous. The student centre would be approximately 20,000 to 30,000 square feet with the possibility of a second floor so that the college could expand upwards in the years ahead.

Beginning in September 2004, students were charged an additional tuition fee called the student priority fee, which netted approximately \$490,000. The priority fee was implemented in order to offer more services to the students to enhance student life and support student

success. An undetermined portion of the priority fee will go towards paying for the student centre.

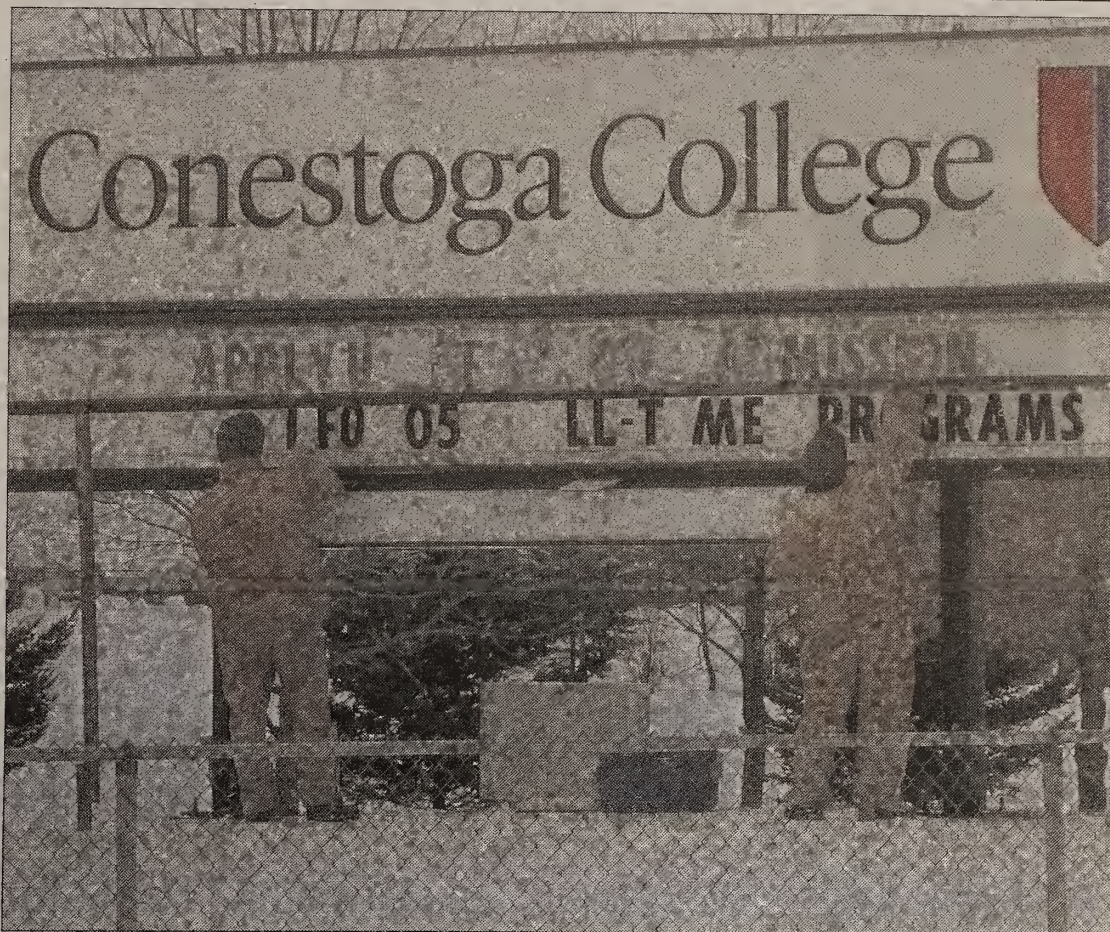
The group also discussed what students could expect to see in the student centre, including a pub where bigger bands would be able to perform. Suggestions were made by the group to include Student Services, disability services and health services in the centre so that all of the core services for students would be located in one place. A learning skills centre is being discussed, with plans to include it in the student centre.

Harris said they were just talking right now about ideas at the meeting and they were not ready to go public with the information, which is why it was discussed in an in-camera session with CSI.

CSI president Justin Falconer refused to comment on the in-camera proceedings.

Harris said, "If you go too early with this information, then you'll have a lot of disappointed people and I don't want to get people excited about something if it's not going to happen."

He said the idea of putting the student centre in the main building is an option that has been discussed in the past by several people.



(Photo by Jennifer Howden)

Two physical resource workers change the sign at the entrance of the college on Jan. 24. The sign, which is changed about once a week, now tells students about University of Windsor MBA program information sessions. The public affairs office supplies the messages for the board.

Parking violators on the rise

By MELISSA HANCOCK

If you think stealing a parking spot is less punishable than stealing a bag of chips, you are sadly mistaken according to Conestoga College's associate registrar.

Janeen Hoover said some students don't see anything wrong with forging parking passes, stealing parking passes or running the gate in Lot 11.

"Most students," she said, "when it comes to parking are not taking it very seriously."

The Student Code of Conduct

states that theft of property or services is an offence.

Parking is a service, she said, and theft is theft no matter how you look at it.

Last school year there were 36 code of conduct offences and nine of them were related to parking, Hoover said. Since September of this school year there have been 50 code of conduct offences and 46 have been related to parking.

"We have cameras out there," she said. "So we see it."

The most recent offences she had sitting on her desk were for three

students who were assisting each other at running the gate in Lot 11.

"It's kind of a safety issue too," she said, "as well as an ethical issue."

There have been some police foundations students breaching the code of conduct, she said, along with some accounting students forging parking passes.

"I really don't understand," she said. "These folks will be facing responsible decisions every day. Ethics is something an employer will be looking for."

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(Photo by Kate Battler)

I'm a slave for you

First-year police foundations student Andrew Mercier (left) emceed a slave auction run by the police foundations students to raise money for the tsunami relief effort on Jan. 25. He was also the last slave to be auctioned off. The auction raised more than \$500, which will be matched by the International Student Exchange and then donated to UNICEF.

Respiratory program coming to college

By JENNIFER HOWDEN

A new respiratory therapy program will be offered at Conestoga College thanks to a \$100,000 donation made by the Frank Cowan Foundation.

The new three-year program, which is expected to start in September 2006, will train students to assist physicians in the diagnosis, treatment and management of patients with cardiopulmonary and associated disorders.

The Frank Cowan Foundation is a charitable foundation that exists through the success of the Cowan Insurance Group and its operating companies - Frank Cowan Company, Cowan Insurance Brokers and Cowan Wright Beauchamp. It was started in 1995 in honour of company founder Frank Cowan.

The foundation chose to donate to the college because it is interested in helping the future of health care and Conestoga trains a variety of health-care workers.

"We're really grateful to the Frank Cowan Foundation. It's really rewarding when you have people who are very concerned not only about helping out students and helping out our education, but helping out health care," said Ingrid Town, executive director of development and alumni relations at the college.

According to Town, respiratory therapists are in high demand right now.

"With the aging population there will be a lot more people who will have breathing problems and health-care and clinical workers need to have these respiratory skills. Also, people are now sent

home earlier from the hospital so there is definitely a high demand for respiratory therapists."

The donation, which will be given over two years, will be used to purchase equipment such as ventilators, incubators, anesthesia machines and other respiratory apparatus.

It will also go towards curriculum development, as well as the purchasing of learning resources that will be available to not only the respiratory therapy program but other health sciences programs as well.

Town believes the new program will benefit Conestoga.

"There is such need for qualified people out there and I think this is just one more cog in the wheel that will help us support the community and support health care," she said.

Now deep thoughts ...with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

If you were a superhero, which one would you be and why?



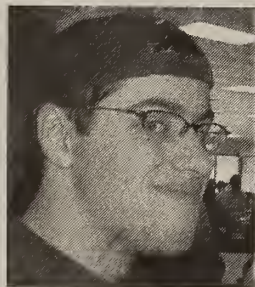
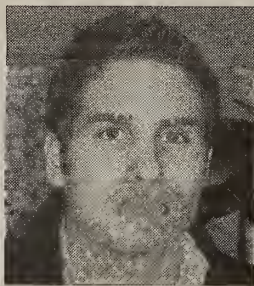
"The Riddler because nobody understands my non-sensible humour."
Kyle Henderson,
first-year management studies

"Catwoman because she's hot."
Jenna Holzschuh,
first-year management studies



"Superman because he can see through walls and look into girls' change rooms and stuff."
Judd Thomas,
first-year management studies

"The Incredible Hulk because he can punch hard."
Tom Launslager,
second-year management studies



"Wolverine because he has an awesome attitude and he can heal himself."
Tyson Joyce,
first-year CPA

"Spider-Man because he's the coolest guy ever."
Eric Ferreira,
first-year CPA



"Wolverine because of his instant healing abilities."
Jordan Schwindt,
first-year CPA

Smile Conestoga, you could be our next respondent!

Majority of students support building a student centre

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"There's a lot of options and we're playing around with a lot of ideas," he said, adding there will be varying trains of thoughts, such as do you go with a separate building or do you incorporate it into one already on campus?

"The college is being reasonably open to the possibilities."

Harris said he prefers to see an integrated student centre building that brings together a wide range of services for the students, as well as the entertainment aspect that would contribute to student life.

"I would favour the integrated centre because I see a student centre as more of a pub where, in fact, the university pubs have been nothing but disasters," Harris said.

"I think the student centre is more than just a pub and an excuse to get drunk."

A 23-year-old University of Waterloo student suffered a brain injury after he was viciously beaten at a New Year's party in January 2003 after one of their pub nights. The pub was forced to shut down for eight months until the university decided to retain the liquor licence instead of the student federation.

At Mohawk College in Hamilton, a judge said security staff overstepped their authority and scandalously abused a young woman's human and civil rights in October 2002. She was evicted from one of their pub nights when she entered a stall in the women's washroom with a female friend as a joke, which was against the rules. A scuffle broke out between the girls and security, which resulted in one of the girl's breasts being exposed when male security staff were trying to remove her from the pub.

The girl faced two assault charges, which were dismissed in court.

Another brawl at a Mohawk pub night in November 2002 sent two bouncers to hospital for stitches and one patron for minor injuries.

CSI surveyed 535 students and received analysed results back from consultants in November, asking whether students would want a student centre and what they would like to see in it. A campus pub, pharmacy, convenience store, Internet facilities and a café were some of the suggestions.

Ideas that students gave in the surveys ranged from practical ideas like a bigger bookstore, banks and an arcade to impractical ideas such as strip clubs, brothels and trained bear shows.

Seventy-four per cent of students surveyed support the building of a new student centre at the college.



(Photo by Melissa Hancock)

A drivers waits to pay the \$4 fee for parking in Lot 11 on Jan. 24. Associate registrar Janeen Hoover says there have been problems with people running the gate in Lot 11.

Fines for violations vary

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However, there have not been many students with second offences, she said, so the policy that has been set up is working.

Being fair with students, Hoover said, is one of the most important things to her. Students are record-free when an offence is dealt with through the school, unlike if it were dealt with by police.

"Students are trying to justify their actions and it's the college saying 'no you're not,'" she said.

Hoover had one student who bought a parking pass from another student.

"It was not his pass to sell because it was stolen," she said.

The student who bought the pass didn't find it strange to be purchasing it from another student.

"He looked at me with a straight face and said he 'thought that's the way things are done around here,'" Hoover said.

Fines for violating parking vary from case to case, she said, and will be a different amount for each parking lot. There is a penalty fee

of \$150 and then staff take into account which parking lot the violation has been made in.

"If you forge a pass for the red lot you'll probably be fined \$240," she said. "That is the cost to actually park in that lot."

It depends on what the third party decides, Hoover said. A third party panel is made up of a student representative, a volunteer, a faculty member of a program different from the student's and an administration manager or support staff person.

They set up the discipline, she said, and they have to be unified in their decision. Hoover then communicates back to the student.

"It's not fun for me, either," she said.

It's not fair for the students who do pay and she said that all college employees and faculty have to pay the regular price for parking as well.

"I'm not guaranteed a spot just like everyone else," she said, "but I've paid."

What some students don't realize is the government does not provide

funding for any parking lots at the college, she said.

"They don't see it as directly affecting education."

For students, she said the college is trying to model behaviour and keep it fair for everyone. Rules and policies have been made for a reason.

Jan Stroh, a student recruiter at Conestoga, said she has been paying for parking at the college for about seven years and can't believe how much the prices have gone up.

"The bottom line is that it's paid parking," she said. "I know it's unfortunate, but it's reality."

Stroh said she would love to see a student rate implemented. Also, there are part-time staff who only make \$8.50 per hour and they have to pay full price to park for half a day.

Introduction to telecommunications student Ken Berryhill said, "Students actually forge passes? Mine was included in my course, so I guess that's good."

He said he was surprised there would even be a problem with theft in the parking lots.

Moving on and upwards

CJlQ station manager heads west to oversee 21 radio stations

By DENISE MULLER

CJlQ's station manager and broadcasting program specialist is no longer with the college, having left to pursue bigger and better things.

Mark Burley, 47, has accepted the position of group programming director for the British Columbia interior radio division for Standard Broadcasting. And as the name implies, he will be moving out west, to Kelowna, B.C.

Burley's last day at the college was Jan. 28. He'll be off to B.C. on Feb. 5.

"I'm flying out on the 5th so I can watch the Super Bowl on the 6th," Burley said.

Standard Broadcasting, which is Canada's largest broadcasting company, has 51 radio stations in Canada. Burley will oversee 21 of them.

"I'm there to coach and mentor and help out the program directors in each of those markets," he said. "It's just one heck of an opportunity."

Burley said he didn't go looking for the job — Standard Broadcasting came after him.

"It's a huge career compliment, more than anything."

The decision to move on was a hard one for Burley and his wife Janet. She will also have a job in radio when they get to Kelowna.

He said the job he had at the college was a good one and the decision to give it up wasn't taken lightly.

One of the hardest parts about making the decision was deciding to move out of the Kitchener-Waterloo area, said Burley. This is his home — his parents and three sisters are here, his kids are here and Janet's parents live in Cambridge. He has never worked or lived outside of Ontario.

Burley said his parents helped him make the decision to take the job.

"Here I am, 47 years old, and my mom and dad are still helping me make decisions," he said.

His parents don't really understand what he does as a program director or general manager although they know he is in radio and can recognize him when he's on-air, he said.

"It was neat to talk to them because they looked at it more from the opportunity side," Burley said. "They were pretty thrilled to have a cool place to come and visit now."

"I built the station (CJlQ) from the ground up."

Mark Burley,

CJlQ station manager

Paul Scott, CJlQ sales and marketing manager, Tim Goebel, radio technologist, and Mike Thurnell, program co-ordinator, will take over for Burley, along with some students currently in the broadcasting program.

"I will get them into the loop," Burley said.

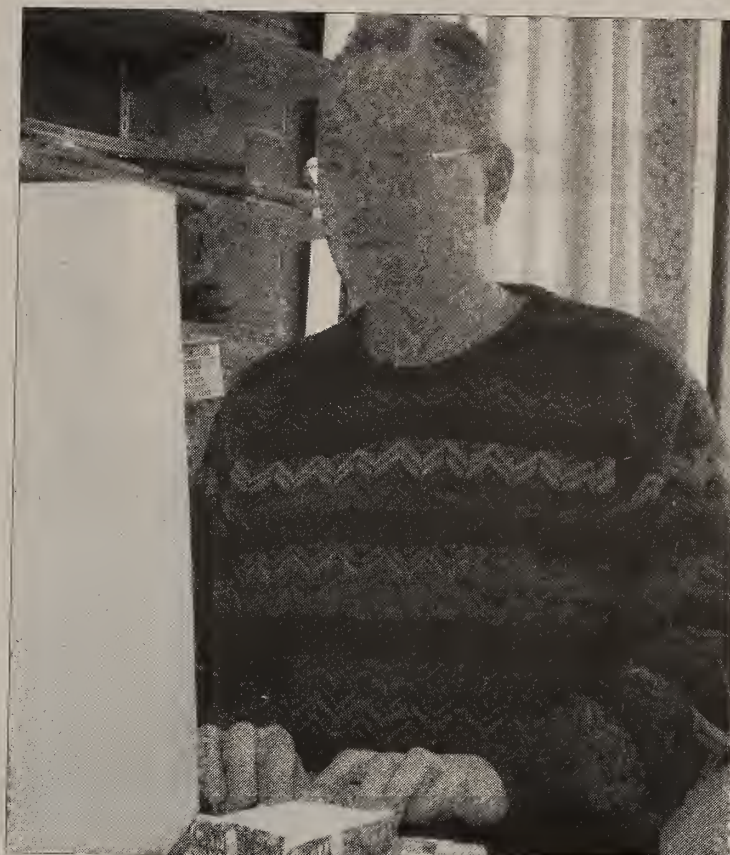
Burley came to the college in 2000 and put CJlQ 88.3 FM on the air in 2001. The station has been growing ever since.

"I built this station from the ground up."

He said he'd miss the college and the college atmosphere. Coming to Conestoga after 28 years of radio was a completely new and different experience for him, especially working with students who were just starting out.

"I got to learn things that I probably wouldn't have learned otherwise. That's kind of cool. You see the benefit of your experience."

He said in a commercial radio environment, everyone knows everything about radio but at the college he got to work with people who knew nothing about the radio industry.



(Photo by Denise Muller)

CJlQ station manager Mark Burley has accepted a position with Standard Broadcasting in British Columbia.

"It's really neat to be able to (in a college environment) show somebody how something works and then actually see them do it."

For Burley, there were only two downsides to working at the college.

"It's an awfully long walk from the parking lot. And the lineups at the coffee shops are just way too long when school's in," he said.

He hopes that the parking spot at his new job will be better. He is getting a car and said the new job will involve all kinds of travel.

"It's just kind of exciting for an old guy like me," he said. "It's taking all the things I've learned over the years and applying them 20 times over."

He is looking forward to living in a different part of the country, even if it means potentially living out of a hotel room for the first three months.

"Living in a hotel is only fun for about the first two weeks," he said. But, "it's kind of nice to come back from work and the bed is made for you, because that's my job at home."

Burley said he is kind of glad he's never been to Kelowna before, because there wasn't that emotional side to cloud his judgment when making the decision to move.

Ultimately, he hopes the change will make him a better broadcaster, and his wife Janet and he a better couple.

\$1,000 to go to student in memory of former grad

By RYAN CONNELL

Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) and the Alumni Association of Conestoga have agreed to donate \$500 each to create a scholarship, award or bursary in memory of a former student.

Diploma nursing grad Vicki Thornley, 26, died when a car crossed the median of Interstate 75 in Piqua, Ohio, and crashed into the car she was driving on Jan. 3. Her mother, Karen Thornley, also died in the accident, and her brother, Jamie Thornley, was taken to hospital with critical injuries.

Vicki was travelling through Ohio on her way to begin a full-time nursing job in California. Her sister, Kerri Thornley, 24, stayed at home while her mother and brother helped her move to California. Their father, Ted Thornley, who was the president of the Waterloo Regional Police Association, died of a heart attack in 2000.

CSI general manager Judy Dusick said CSI decided to make the donation as a way to remember a young woman who made a contribution to school activities, student life and to the college itself.

"I think it's necessary that we do acknowledge that people do go to great lengths to get an education and get a job."

Judy Dusick,

CSI general manager

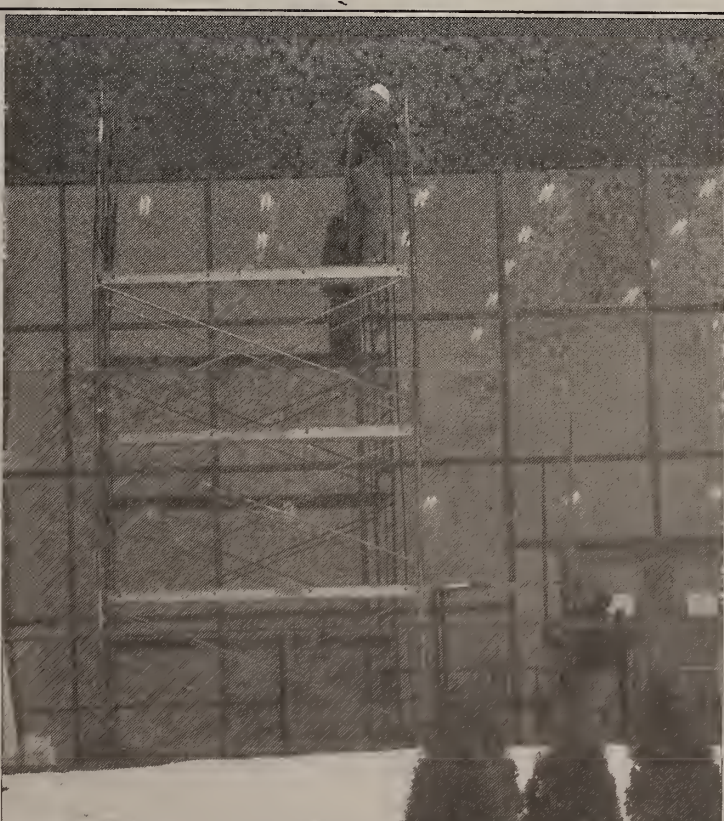
"It is just really sad and I think it's necessary that we do acknowledge that people do go to great lengths to get an education and get a job," Dusick said. "Sometimes when things don't work out quite the way you'd like for them, it would be nice to do something for another student coming up along the way."

Vicki graduated on the dean's honour roll last spring and was a chair on the board of directors at CSI for the 2000 to 2001 academic year. She was the recipient of the Homeward Award, which is given to a graduating nursing student each year who helps people overcome adversity.

Development and alumni relations officer Monica Himmelman said it's very important to be able to remember the students who have left the college.

"I like the idea of being able to provide something to future students in memory of a person who is a grad," she said. "This woman was just on the cusp of her life and she had done so well. She inspired others so to be able to give her a little more life, I think is respectful and inspirational for students."

Himmelman said Vicki's family will be in touch with her in a couple of weeks to make final decisions on what they would like done in memory of her at Conestoga.



(Photos by Ryan Connell)

Reaching new heights

Maintenance workers repair panels on the recreation centre throughout the weeks of Jan. 10 and 17 to fix water leakage.

Will we see a more student-oriented Conestoga in the future?

It's a well-known fact around here that we don't really have school spirit.

We have a decent turnout at a few of our events each year. The annual Pond Party, Toga Party and Polar Plunge usually draw a large crowd.

A few other planned events throughout the year attract some students, but it can't be denied that the novelty wears off and by Christmas the interest in school-oriented activities has dwindled to almost nothing.

If you've spent any time at a university campus, you probably noticed how different things are from our student life at Conestoga.

In plain and simple terms, university kids participate.

From joining clubs, to playing or watching school sports, to simply hanging out at on-campus pubs, university students make the most of their post-secondary experience.

So why don't we do the same here at Conestoga?

That's the issue currently being addressed by the college and it's a step forward for future students.

Earlier this month, student services counsellor Carol Gregory took on a new position at the college. Now the director of student development, Gregory has a lot of work ahead of her.

The aim of the new position is to find effective ways to improve student success and satisfaction.

It's a challenging position that vice-president of student affairs Fred Harris thinks Gregory is the ideal candidate for.

With 20 years of Conestoga life under her belt, Gregory knows what's going on at the college and plans to work on closing the gaps in student life.

There are also rumours of major construction in the college's future with a similar goal in mind.

Harris and Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) have discussed the possibility of a new student centre at the college.

Various ideas are being explored. The key proposal involves bringing student services departments and an entertainment venue, such as a pub, into one multi-purpose centre.

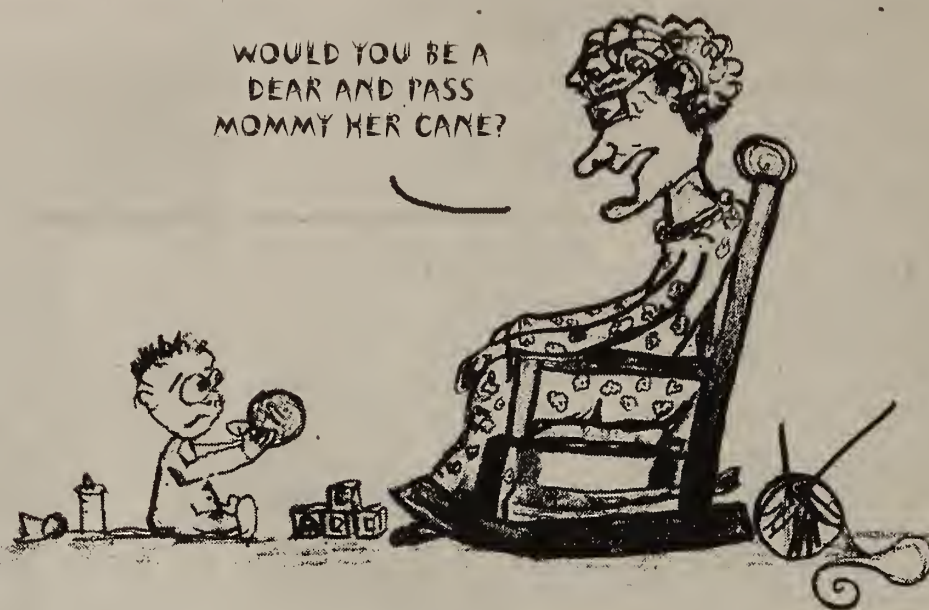
Of the 535 students surveyed, 74 per cent were in favour of the idea of a new student centre and gave other ideas they felt would be beneficial to students.

With 74 per cent in favour of the centre, it should be full steam ahead with this project. For the time being, it isn't officially set in stone as what the centre will involve, but talks continue.

Year after tiring year we've seen our school struggle to attract students to organized activities. Enrolment is up 4.5 per cent from last year, but participation is at a low when compared to other post-secondary institutions.

The good news is that this is no secret, and it's not being taken lightly.

We can only hope that with a new position focused on improving student life, as well as talk of a new centre based on students' ideas, the college will reach its ultimate goal of creating a better Conestoga.



Pregnancy: Know when to draw the line.

Don't forget the four-legged ones

If there's one thing that makes me sick to my stomach when I see it, it's this.

People leaving their pets out in the cold.

During this recent cold snap that we've all been enduring, I have come across two cases that made me want to track down the owners of these animals and give them the same treatment they gave their pets.

The first occurred one night while I was driving home from the movies.

Turning down a street in my neighbourhood I saw a black lump on a sewer grate. As I got closer I realized it was a cat that was trying to stay warm.

What kind of person would leave his or her cat out in such cold weather?

Unfortunately I can't answer that question but I can tell you one thing about people like that, they have no heart.

The second heart-breaking incident occurred while I was on my way to school one morning.

Turning down one of the side



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streets that I take, I happened across a pair of little Shih Tzus that were obviously very lost and very cold.

I stopped my van and got out to see if I could find their home address from their tags. As it turned out, it was on one of the silver tags.

Knowing the area pretty well, I had an idea where the pups were from and worked on getting the dogs to trust me.

Once I got them into my van I took them home against my better judgement. If the owner left them out once, what was stopping him from doing it again?

When I knocked on the door to return the dogs, the man who answered was a little on the curt side. He acted like I was bothering him by bringing the dogs back to him.

When I told him I had found the dogs a few blocks away he replied by saying that they've found their way home before.

This may be fine in the warmer months but when it's 20 below out, these animals should not be left to fend for themselves.

I would have liked to take those two little dogs with me but he owned them so I had to leave them there. I would be lying if I said I don't look for them every time I drive down that street.

People like this should not be allowed to own dogs. Would you leave your child out in the cold for extended periods of time? No, so why would you do it to your dog or cat?

The thought of people not caring enough about their pets to bring them in out of the cold makes me sad and wishing I could do more.

The next time I find an animal left out in the cold, there's a strong chance I'll be bringing it home or to the Humane Society and not back to the heartless owner who left it out in the first place.



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When does a person become too old?

When does a person become too old to do something?

Too old to live on their own, too old to work or too old to have a baby?

The first two are simple enough to answer; it depends on the health of the person. No matter the outcome, it will only affect that person.

When it comes to the last one, there is one thing you have to consider. What will happen to the baby if something happens to you?



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inseminated, becoming the world's oldest woman to give birth.

One has to ask oneself, at that age, what kind of life will this child have?

When the girl is five her mother will be 71, not the ideal age to be running after a rambunctious tot.

When the girl turns 16 her mother will be 82, definitely not the ideal age to begin dealing with those rebellious years.

Not to be a pessimist, but the girl will be lucky if her mother is still alive by the time she turns 16.

If the mother were to die anytime in the next 18 years, there are a few things to consider.

Who would provide for the child? At 66 the new mom isn't likely to be working in the first place and it's even more unlikely she would be going back to work after this to build up finances in case of an unfortunate event.

Who would look after the child? It is possible this woman will not live to see the majority of her daughter's teen years, but the child will still need to be cared for.

One of the most important things to consider is the little girl though.

Put yourself in her shoes and think about how you would feel if, when you were 10 years old, your mom was 76.

To know she wouldn't be able to play any sports with you.

To know she wouldn't be able to get down and play games with you.

Considering the woman had to undergo nine years of fertility treatments, including procedures to reverse menopause, maybe she should have listened to nature and her body before trying to force it to do something that it clearly wasn't ready to do.

If she wanted a child so badly, what was stopping her from adopting?

She could have adopted a child when she was much younger and been more involved in his or her upbringing then she will be in her daughter's life now.

The age of 66 is not a time to be having children.

Why all the sympathy for tobacco farmers?

My sympathy goes out to the drivers of Highway 401 who were unaware of the tractor blockade on Jan. 21.

Although it was on the news and in local papers, some people were probably cursing the crusade of farmers who chose that cold day to protest.

A Jan. 22 article in The Record stated, "About 600 Ontario farmers braved frigid temperatures ... to draw attention to what they call a looming farm crisis in the province by blocking a stretch of Highway 401 with a convoy of more than 200 vehicles, including almost 100 tractors."

"They (farmers) say they are frustrated by a lack of government funding, record low prices for grain and oilseeds, and new greenbelt legislation that's threatening to take land away from rural communities without compensation."

A December 2004 online article at www.blacks.com — the website of a Canadian law firm — states, "On Oct. 28, 2004 the Government of Ontario introduced two companion pieces of legislation, the Greenbelt Act, 2004 and the Places to Grow Act, 2004. Premier (Dalton) McGuinty announces these initiatives as a plan to protect green space in the 'Golden Horseshoe' that encircles the urbanized communities stretching from Niagara Falls to Toronto and east past Oshawa. The legislation is intended to curb unplanned urban sprawl, improve the quality of life today and preserve Ontario's natural heritage for future generations."

So, with all that said, it's difficult to know who to side with. Speaking as a smoker of light brand cigarettes, I still don't know who to go with on this one.

I'd hate to think that one day there may be no room to grow food crops because of such a desperate need to grow tobacco for we silly smokers.

Do soil conditions for corn comply with those needed for tobacco? I may not be as up-to-par with my agricultural studies as I should be, but to me, soil is soil.

With our society's perfections of genetically modified foods, we must have the know-how to turn a cabbage patch into a tobacco crop. Kind of scary though when you think about it. If McGuinty has



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nothing but good intentions in mind with the two new pieces of legislation, why are people not backing him up?

It might make quitting smoking an easier feat for some people.

But, the tobacco industry has been such a wealthy industry to be in that it's hard to say farmers should go bankrupt without a fight.

No matter how you look at it, they are still farmers and pay taxes like everyone else — unfortunately.

"I'd hate to think that one day there may be no room to grow food crops because of such a desperate need to grow tobacco."

I hope the tobacco farmers got the attention they were looking for by blocking lanes of the 401 and I hope they realize how much of an inconvenience it would have been for some drivers.

How the police allowed it to happen boggles my brain. Not only did police allow it, but watching and listening to one officer on the news made it sound like they were supporting it.

If I got into a car with a bunch of friends and had a blockade-protest of my own about how poorly funded Ontario's colleges are, I'll bet we'd all have traffic violation tickets and be sent home before even reaching the Highway 8 exit.

Oh yeah, but we had an organized and suitable way to express our concerns for education at the 2004 post-secondary education review.

Maybe the farmers could have done something similar and maybe they still could.

Or, maybe they should start learning how to grow something else that's not going to tick off McGuinty and his attempt at environmental peace.

Job fair will be rolling into RIM Park

By JEN GALHARDO

Conestoga College, along with Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Guelph and University of Waterloo, will once again be sponsoring this year's 11th annual job fair.

The event is a chance for students to meet potential employers and for employers to recruit students and to answer questions about the job.

This year's job fair will be held at RIM Park in Waterloo on Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. At least 150 employers are expected to attend the job fair.

Sara Free, a career services officer at Conestoga, said last year more than 3,000 alumni and graduates attended the job fair, including 450 from Conestoga College.

"It's really great for students and grads to go to. I can't stress that enough," said Free. "You can actually meet the employers face to face."

Free advises students to take their resume because employers at the job fair are currently recruiting

or will be within the next six months for full-time, part-time and summer jobs. Free also suggested a cover letter be brought along.

Those who wish to attend the job fair can visit www.partners4employment.ca and view the employer profiles. Guidebooks containing the employers and profiles are also available in the career services office in the Student Client Services Building of the Doon campus.

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Those attending the job fair should have a few questions pre-

pared to ask the employers.

Students should also be professional, dress appropriately and treat the fair like a job interview.

"Don't approach the employers with a huge group of friends," said Free.

This job fair is expected to be a success as it has been in previous years. Year after year, the number of employers grows and there is more selection for students.

"In the beginning there were maybe 15 employers," said Free.

There is no cost to attend the job fair for students of the four schools sponsoring the job fair, however, students should bring their student card for identification since this is not a public job fair. Students from other institutions will be admitted however, they will have to pay a \$10 fee.

For directions to RIM Park and student bus schedules go to www.partners4employment.ca. For tips on attending career fairs and job fairs, as well as resume tips sheets, visit the career services office in the Student Client Services Building.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Multiculturalism

Have you recently moved from your home country to Canada? Is English your second language? Are you on an international student visa, of landed immigrant status, or did your family originate from a country other than Canada? Have you recently emigrated from a war-torn country? Are you dealing with issues such as culture shock, unfamiliarity with college or community resources, racism, or a lack of cultural familiarity? Will you be experiencing a Canadian winter for the first time?

Our college community is becoming enriched more and more with students from various cultural backgrounds. This creates a wonderful opportunity for growth, learning, and diversity. However, it can also pose transition issues for those who are new to the country and the college.

If you feel you need support dealing with these transitions, help is available. You can talk to your teachers, classmates, friends, or counsellors in Student Services. The Multicultural Support Group offered through Student Services provides an opportunity to meet new people and talk about issues related to being in a new country. The Peer Host Service offers one-on-one matches with your peers for the purpose of support and friendship. To learn more about resources at the college and in the community, visit Student Services.

A Message from Student Services

Visit our website <http://www.conestogac.on.ca/jsp/stserv/index.jsp>

New director will work to increase student success and satisfaction

By RYAN CONNELL

Sixty-five per cent of full-time students who enrol at Conestoga College go on to graduate, but the vice-president of student affairs thinks the college can do a lot better.

Fred Harris said the college needs to take more initiative in making the college more student-oriented.

As a step towards this goal, student services counsellor Carol Gregory was appointed to a new position as the college's director of student development in January. Gregory's new role is to help provide an organizational structure that will help deliver services, initiatives, systems and processes that drive the continuous improvement for student success and satisfaction.

Harris said the position had to be filled by someone who knew the college and had credibility with the faculty and knows the services that are offered.

"(Carol) was the person I wanted because I knew I could depend on her to drive this to success. If we're going to be successful, she is the person who could do this," Harris said.

Gregory will do the job for two years, after which she can decide if she wants to return to her job as a counsellor in Student Services. Part of her job will be to create a model of involvement and communication that brings forth the collective expertise and unique perspective from all areas of the college, including students, service providers, faculty, administration, and Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI).

Gregory has worked at the college for 20 years.

She said her goal is to be able to integrate the academic aspect of the institution with the services that are offered for the students in order to close the gaps that students



(Photo by Ryan Connell)

Carol Gregory is the new director of student development. One of her roles is to provide an organizational structure that will help deliver many services to students.

might encounter at the college.

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*Carol Gregory,
director of student
development*

"Students know what the gaps are pretty clearly and I think those are the ones that we'll work on to pri-

oritize, so I think that will be a lot of my work," she said.

Gregory plans to create a college-wide task force that will develop a comprehensive strategic plan which identifies key directions and potential new services that the college needs. She will also be starting the leadership for the development of a learning skills centre.

"I want to see a place where 10 years from now, anybody could walk into this college and say that this is a student-centred college, and see that we celebrate the students and all of the things our students are doing at this college," Gregory said.

Executive director new position at Student Services

By JASON SONSER

Student Services has a new staff position, an executive director.

Jacqueline McLaren began on Dec. 13, and oversees various departments, including disability services, academic services, health services and peer tutoring.

McLaren, who has her BA and masters degree in social work from Wilfrid Laurier University, said she's responsible for providing management on an ongoing basis for Student Services.

"I'm responsible for the personnel, I'm responsible for the budget and I'm responsible for being accountable to provide a quality service to students and to the administration," she said.

McLaren, who oversees about 28 people,

said in many ways, whenever you have a number of services together, there's a need to provide administrative support to those services.

"Part of the role that I take on is being almost the umbrella over all those services in terms of looking at ways to provide leadership and direction to those services and looking at what is good for all the services, not just each of the services individually," she said. "Basically, it's more like a leadership role, providing, in some cases, clinical support, so understanding what kind of issues the counsellors, nurses, peer advisers or learning advisers have to face and helping to assist them problem solve around cases."

McLaren said she also looks at bigger-picture kind of things which include looking at any sort of gaps in service and what sorts of student needs are not being met at the present time.

"(We) work with the appropriate people, whether it's CSI or other

people in student affairs or the academic people, in terms of seeing if there are ways that we could (be filling) those gaps better so that we're meeting student needs better," she said. "To be out in the community; let's say there's something that's happening in terms of a community initiative going on. Like, there might be some concerns from this community about suicide that might be higher in this community than, maybe another community of a similar size and they'd strike a task force. I may be the person who'd be a part of that in terms of

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*Jacqueline McLaren,
executive director at
Student Services*

planning. So I'm involved in the overall-type planning that needs to happen."

McLaren said she is also involved with new initiatives that come forward.

"(I look at whether) they're

feasible or not feasible. I'm involved early on in that stage, all for the betterment of students."

McLaren said she's excited about being the new executive director of Student Services, and is looking forward to investigating some new initiatives.

McLaren said, up to this point, it's been a learning experience for her.

"I'm still in the process of learning the system and understanding how things run here. One of my goals is to support the work that is being done here in the best way that I am able to," she said. "I'm sure that will come out in a multitude of different ways, whether it's supporting by getting information together so people will have a better understanding of what we do in these departments and why they're so important."

McLaren said she thinks it's an important role for her to play in conjunction with people who are already playing those roles.



(Photo by Jason Sonser)

Jacqueline McLaren, the new executive director of Student Services, oversees numerous departments including disability services, health services and peer tutoring.

HOW STRONG ARE YOUR STUDY STRATEGIES?

Answer the following questions to find out how strong your study strategies are.

YES NO

- ___ 1. Do you often fail to complete homework assignments on time?
- ___ 2. Do you frequently catch yourself thinking about something totally unrelated to what you're reading?
- ___ 3. Do you frequently have difficulty picking out the important points in a reading assignment?
- ___ 4. Do you seem to accomplish very little in relation to the amount of time that you're spending?
- ___ 5. Do you frequently have difficulty understanding your class notes when you try to read them over later?
- ___ 6. Do you prepare for tests by memorizing formulas, definitions, or rules that you don't clearly understand?
- ___ 7. Do you depend mainly on last minute cramming in preparation for tests?
- ___ 8. Do you frequently turn in your test paper without carefully checking for errors?
- ___ 9. Do you often spend too much time on the first half of a test, thus having to rush through the last half?
- ___ 10. Do you often lose interest in your studies during the first few days or weeks of the term?
- ___ 11. Do you often spend the class period doodling or daydreaming instead of listening to the instructor?
- ___ 12. Do you normally hesitate to ask your teachers for help with troublesome assignments?

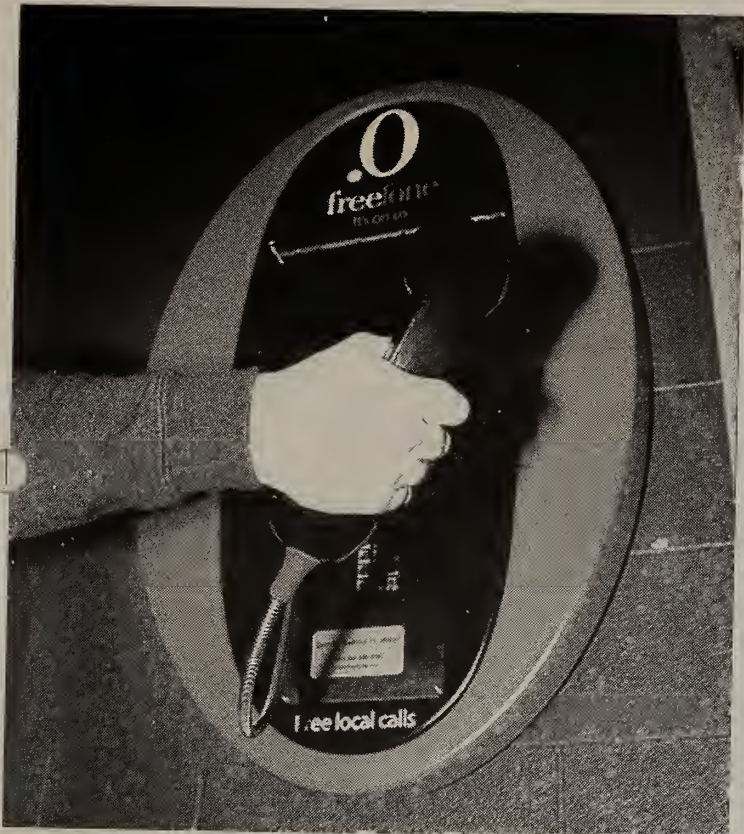
If you answered "yes" to many of these questions, your study strategies could use strengthening.

To make an appointment for learning strategy assistance, visit the Student Services Office.

A Message from Learning Strategies

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(Photo by Janet Morris)

Local calls are free when using the freefone located in the Sanctuary on the first floor in the D-wing.

Place local calls free thanks to CSI

By JANET MORRIS

The free phone located in the Sanctuary has a new look and new funding.

Freefone has taken over the old phone, replacing the façade and paying for the service through advertising.

Local calls can be made from the phone at no charge.

The new phone replaces the phone previously installed and paid for through the student association fee.

The service was provided by Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) at a cost of \$32.10 per month.

That money is now used to pay for supplies in the CSI office located in Room 1B21.

Judy Dusick, general manager for CSI, said the old phone stopped working and needed to be replaced.

"I saw a presentation by freefone in November and we went from there," she said. "We also have the option to advertise on the monitor."

A solid state Lynex computer located just above the phone runs advertisements and has touch-screen interactive capability.

Freefone has not engaged the touch-screen capability yet, but has plans to in the future.

CSI is allowed two 30-second advertisements at no charge and hopes to take advantage of that option.

All advertisements are solicited by freefone and the CSI will receive 10 per cent of the revenue.

The director of programming at freefone, Stephen Ghigliotti, said the company is still fairly new and is looking to expand.

"We are looking at more college and university applications; right now we have approximately 210 phones across North America."

More of these types of phones are cropping up in places such as all Best Buy stores in the United States, at three Sears locations in Canada and Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, to name a few.

Students who are registered with disability services can look forward to getting a head start again in September 2006.

Students entering programs at Conestoga College in the fall can apply for the summer PASS program, which stands for Post-Secondary Accommodations, Supports and Strategies. The program runs for three weeks in July for students with specific learning disabilities who have been accepted to Conestoga College.

There is enough room in the program for about 16 students.

The program started in 1999, but has been a credit course since 2003. Students will receive an additional credit for the strategies for student success course, which is now called student success for higher learning. The PASS program is centred around the student success for higher learning general education course.

"It really lightens the course-load for the students. The biggest thing is the reduction in stress and anxiety," said Marian Mainland, co-ordinator for disability services.

Students are given the chance in the program to get additional experience using the adaptive technology computer lab, which is located down the hall from the disability services office in Room 2A113. The lab stays open all summer so students can come in and learn how to use the equipment.

In the PASS program, students must complete their personal learning plans, learn about the services the Doon campus offers, have a learning resource centre orientation, get learning disability counselling, and listen to guest speakers on issues such as group work, goal-setting, understanding the Ontario Human Rights Code and the services Conestoga Students Inc. provides.

The students also learn various studying strategies such as studying for exams, time management, stress management, goal-setting, note-taking and writing exams, assignments and essays.

"There's lots of overheads, videos and role playing. It really helps the students to learn by

doing," said Mainland.

The main project in the PASS program is the personal learning plan. This provides students with the opportunity to list their academic strengths and weaknesses, required academic accommodations and goals in terms of learning strategies and adaptive technology training.

Students learn to present their academic accommodation forms to their prospective teachers and they learn how to answer the questions the teachers might have about the accommodations they will need.

In order to do this, the students engage in a role play where a disability services staff member will pretend to be their prospective teacher. They have to make an appointment with him or her and present their academic accommodation form to discuss with the staff member, who will say things that aren't appropriate to teach the student how to deal with those types of situations efficiently.

"Teachers will ask things like 'why should I give you extra time on tests?' and students need to know how to answer those questions," said Mainland. "We want them to practise telling the faculty themselves because in high school they never had to do that."

Like all programs, there have been a few suggested changes based on feedback from the students who took the PASS program last summer as well as a review of the program by the PASS program staff.

These include:

Students and staff want the learning skills adviser, who helps the students in the computer lab, to do more workshops on studying strategies. But this should not be done in the lab because it's too distracting.

An exact time should be set for when the day is over so the students can schedule part-time work.

College faculty should be invited in to do actual simulated lectures, instead of a member of the disability services staff.

Students and staff also want a workshop on presentation skills, and they want the workshop on group work expanded because they enjoyed it.

Other suggestions included inviting parents to watch the video

FAT city, which stands for frustration, anxiety and tension, and showing the entire video instead of only part of it. The video deals with the emotional responses students with learning disabilities experience when they enter the classroom.

Mainland said the only problems with running the program are that it is limited to 16 students due to the limited space in the lab. It is also time-consuming for the disability services staff to run because a lot of one-on-one time is required with the students.

"The vacation time for staff is limited, and we have to get ready for the new year in September, as well as do the work for the program in July. There's a lot of preparation and we need staff to run it," said Mainland.

However, the hard work has paid off. First-year business management studies student Brenden Sherratt said he enjoyed the program when he took it in 2004.

"It taught me about my strengths and weaknesses, and I know what it's like to be in college as opposed to high school," he said.

He also said he was happy to come in September and to know the college's structure and services.

Blake Lymburner, a human services foundations student, took the program in 2003.

"I had an advantage because rez (Conestoga College Residence and Conference Centre) was free (for PASS students) when I was in it a couple of years ago," he said. "It was very helpful and I made lots of friends."

Students who attend the PASS program still have the option to live in residence if they need to, but it is no longer free.

The program will run again for three weeks in July, and students entering a program in the fall who have a diagnosed learning disability are invited to an intake interview with a disability services counsellor. Students are welcome to attend information sessions in May and June, and if they are interested, they must fill out a PASS program application form. The people who apply sooner will get in first until the program is full.

Conestoga College Recreation Centre

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A valid student card is required at all times to gain access to the Recreation Centre. Anyone without a valid student card will be required to pay a \$6 day pass to be granted access.

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Once again Conestoga College will be offering our March break camps.

Camps will run: March 14th to 18th 2005

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Phone (519) 748 - 3512

Fax (519) 748 - 4214, or visit

http://www.conestogac.on.ca/rec_centre/html/marchbreakcamps.html

Varsity Announcement

We would like to wish the Conestoga College Badminton team good luck at regionals February 4-5th, at George Brown College.

748-3565 ext. 3565

Activities posted daily
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Monday - Friday
7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday
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Activate Your Life!

Touring the Big Apple



(Photo by Jennifer Ormston)

The rooftop of my friend's apartment offers an unparalleled view of the Empire State Building (on the right). Built in 1930, this building was the tallest in the world for more than 40 years. The title was taken over by the first World Trade Centre tower in 1970.

By JENNIFER ORMSTON

Start spreading the news. I'm leaving today. I want to be a part of it, New York, New York.

The lyrics of the toe-tapping Frank Sinatra classic ran through my mind as I packed my bags for a long weekend in the Big Apple at the end of the Christmas holidays.

During the last three years, I have ventured into Manhattan many times, leaving some to question what keeps me coming back.

The answer is simple: I feel drawn to New York.

It's not that I want to spend an extended period of time there. Walking down the quaint streets of SoHo, wandering through Central Park and attending a sold-out hit on Broadway during a weekend getaway is enough to temporarily satisfy my longing to visit the city that doesn't sleep.

I departed on Jan. 6 in the afternoon, a day when icy road conditions led to the cancellation of many flights out of Pearson International Airport.

For once, it seemed luck was on my side. Not only was my plane on schedule, but I also made my way through customs and security without being forced to submit to a random search of my body or luggage. As most people know, I have been the target of more than my fair share of run-ins with airport security officials around the world: I have

never made it through unscathed.

As I settled into my airplane seat, it quickly became evident my good fortune had been a fluke. The captain's voice came across the crackling speaker to inform us takeoff would be temporarily delayed on account of the weather; one hour later, we were still waiting on the tarmac.

The flight was abnormally turbulent. And, just as the airline attendants arrived at my seat with drinks and snacks, what would have been the highlight of this otherwise bumpy ride, the captain instructed everyone to be seated. Then, to add to my dismay, there were more than a dozen planes already in queue to land in New York, forcing us to circle the airport for half an hour. By this point, I was suffering from motion sickness and had begun to sweat profusely.

My short, one-hour jaunt to the Big Apple had turned into a three-hour nightmare.

It wasn't until I settled into a cab and closed my eyes that the twinges of nausea began to subside. I was lulled into a false sense of ease but was brought back to reality by my driver, who perilously wove through traffic for the entire 30-minute ride to the hotel, narrowly avoiding several collisions along the way.

I vowed not to take another cab for the rest of the day.

That evening, I left my hotel to join my former roommate, Naomi

Lynch, at Radio City Music Hall, her place of employment, for an evening of theatre and dining.

As I stood outside waiting for her to finish work, I cursed myself for forgetting my fur-lined gloves on that bitter cold evening. My only consolation was the front-row view this venue granted me of one of New York's most entertaining spectacles: people watching.

Young professionals swaggered down the sidewalk as if it were a catwalk in Milan, with iPod headphones in their ears and leather attaché cases in their hands.

One woman, wearing a floor-length fur coat that must have cost 20 beavers their lives and diamond earrings the size of gumballs, strolled hand in hand with a man dressed in a ratty ski jacket and tight denim jeans.

A young couple took the mukluk trend one step too far by sporting moccasins and matching head-to-toe brown suede suits. Another girl was wearing flip-flops despite the freezing temperatures.

Finally, just as my feet began to go numb, Naomi arrived in a fluster and, glancing at her watch, ran into the middle of Sixth Avenue, dodging fast-moving traffic, to hail a cab.

When we were inside one, she said, "We won't make it in time by foot!"

Even though I had resolved to stay out of cabs, the threat of being late and of frostbite made me

change my mind.

We arrived at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre with only a minute to spare. I was excited to see *Fiddler on the Roof*, as I had enjoyed the movie as a child. In contrast, Naomi, a true musical aficionado, seemed unusually apathetic. It was approaching the end of the week and sleep deprivation, brought on by her 15-hour workdays, had begun to take its toll.

The theatre was unlike any I had seen before. Escalators, not majestic, red-carpeted stairs, welcomed patrons into the theatre. Once inside, I was startled to see the stark, white walls as opposed to the traditionally ornate interiors in most theatres.

After the first song ended and the audience broke into applause, I noticed Naomi's head bobbing up and down out of my peripheral vision. She was asleep. In fact, she slept for the whole first act.

The elderly woman sitting on my other side was a true *Fiddler* on the Roof fan. She hummed all the songs while tapping her feet to the rhythm, which meant my chair was also moving to the beat.

At the beginning of Act 2, I decided to confront her, but when I turned towards her she flashed a beaming smile at me. Needless to say, I reluctantly endured this annoyance for the duration of the show.

Following the fantastic perform-

ance, Naomi suggested we dine at Spice, an Asian restaurant she adores near Union Square; my memory instantly reverted to one particularly vile Chinese dinner I had in New York and I declined. However, her persistence eventually won.

I was pleasantly surprised when we entered the restaurant. The room's contemporary furnishings, enticing aroma and throng of patrons made me second-guess my initial response.

The menu listed many options, but we both settled on Bangkok vegetables and shrimp with sticky rice, which came to \$22 US, an anomaly in New York considering the quality and size of our meals and the alluring ambiance.

The following morning we had brunch at an eclectic restaurant called Pink Pony, where Naomi said she had once sat beside Lenny Kravitz. As she recounted tales from this encounter, I glanced around the room to see if I could spot a celebrity, but my search was to no avail.

After yet another scrumptious meal, we braved torrential rain and headed downtown to SoHo, my favourite neighbourhood in New York. Located in lower Manhattan, this area is named for its position south of Houston Street; the acronym takes its first two letters from the s and o in south and the last two from the h and o in Houston.

in a New York minute

Strolling down the cobblestone streets of this area, known for its laid-back atmosphere and fabulous shopping, was a welcome change from the fast-paced mood of uptown Manhattan.

I had never seen SoHo as quiet as on that day; it seemed the weather had kept even the most did shoppers from venturing outside. Normally, I enjoyed scanning the wares of the street vendors, as they sold everything from jewelry and hair accessories to handbags and one-of-a-kind paintings, but the vendors were nowhere to be seen.

The only upside to toting around umbrellas and having wet shoes was the stores were empty. Naomi and I were the only customers browsing through the racks at Barney's; unfortunately, the remaining winter clothes were mostly in size zero and the new spring collections were reminiscent of last year's lines. Thus, this trip to New York was my most frugal visit yet!

As the downcast day came to a close, Naomi and I headed uptown to Fifth Avenue to take a quick peek in FAO Schwarz's flagship store, one of the world's most famed toy stores.

Since my last trip to New York, the store had filed for bankruptcy protection, redesigned its interior and reopened. From the outside, it appeared nothing had changed. The doorman, dressed up like a toy soldier, pushed the revolving door as I went through.

Despite this warm reception, my excitement was quickly dashed when I looked around and realized this was not the store I remembered.

What had happened to the catchy

song, Welcome to the World of Toys, that used to play incessantly as shoppers roamed through the two-storey emporium, playing with plush toys and Barbie dolls? To my utter chagrin, the song Daughters by John Mayer was blasting through the sound system.

The former candy shop, where it had once been easy to fill a bag with your favourite penny candies, had tripled in size and was now located beside an old-fashioned ice cream parlour that encompassed a large portion of the store's first floor. Those interested in a sundae could purchase one specialty dessert for \$100 US. I decided to stick to the Swedish Berries, even though it took me 10 minutes to find them.

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Some of the staff were decked out in ridiculous costumes. I even saw a few wearing nurse's uniforms and carrying around baby dolls and soothers.

FAO had turned into a miniature amusement park!

Subsequently, the World of Toys has been removed from my New York to-do list.

We decided to make the Central Park Zoo, across the street from FAO, our last stop of the day.

As we walked down the wooded path towards the menagerie, I envi-

sioned the penguins, my favourite exhibit, frolicking in their water enclosure.

Suddenly, I realized there weren't any tourists milling around the entrance. With dread I read a sign that said the zoo had closed at 4:30 p.m. — only 15 minutes earlier.

While we waited for a taxi, I watched a street vendor cleaning up his trolley. He was folding T-shirts that read I Love NY; at that moment, with the smell of manure from the park's horse-drawn carriages permeating my nostrils, I realized my love for New York was slowly diminishing.

I had let the day's disappointments get me down, but that feeling was soon to change.

That evening, Naomi and I enjoyed a quiet dinner in a charming Italian restaurant in Alphabet City, where the avenues are named for letters, not numbers.

Walking through the door of Gnocco was like taking a step into an authentic Roman trattoria. The narrow room was brimming with people; above their chatter the staff hollered at one another with Italian accents.

Pride radiated in the faces of the servers when they placed the entrees on the table. They had good reason to smile; I savoured every bite of my gnocchi, which was better than any I had ever tasted, even in Italy.

Since my full day of walking and gorging had left me exhausted, I took my satisfied belly to bed instead of heading out for a night on the town.

In the morning, Naomi arrived at my hotel to take me to Pick A Bagel, a restaurant I frequent on all my trips to New York. There you can choose from countless types of

bagels and spreads, including egg-white salad, scallion cream cheese and smoked tuna.

I ordered a sesame bagel with tofu cream cheese, a dream come true for lactose intolerance sufferers! If only Tim Hortons began offering tofu alternatives.

After breakfast, Naomi said we had to make one more stop: to the roof of her apartment building. Although I was anxious to finish packing, I was curious to see the view.

As we emerged onto the rooftop, the first thing I noticed was I could not detect the rancid stench of garbage that wafted through the streets of Manhattan. Instead, the air was crisp and odourless.

The weather had finally cleared and there was not a cloud in the sky to impede my view of the Empire State Building, a sight I had only previously seen from the ground while being shoved by other tourists vying for a glimpse.

In one direction, I could even discern Brooklyn Bridge looming large on the distant horizon.

As Naomi pointed out different landmarks, I kept turning on the spot, trying to take it all in.

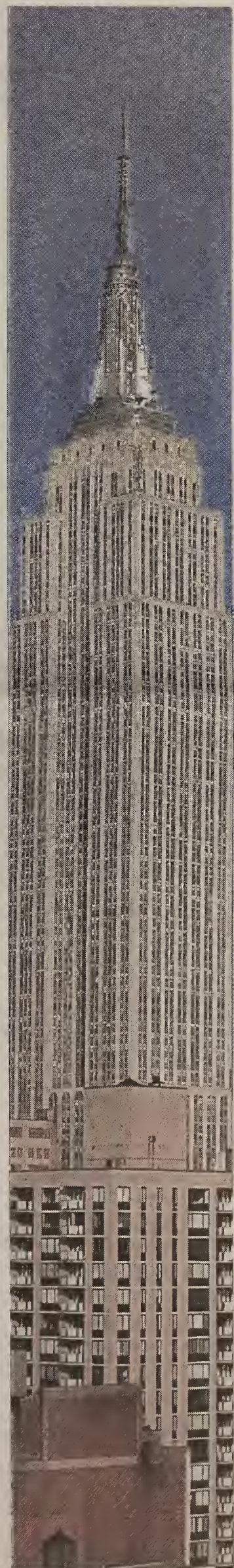
I snapped a few photos of the panorama and as I peered through the viewfinder, the beauty of the city hit me once again. Clearly, my tiff with New York the day before had long been forgotten.

Later that day, as I sat in LaGuardia International Airport watching the swarms of tourists and native New Yorkers arriving to the city, I realized my vagabond shoes were once again longing to stray. But this time I was yearning to go home, knowing some day soon I would return to old New York.



(Photos by Jennifer Ormston)

Above, the streets of New York are lined with garbage that, in addition to being an eyesore, also smell rotten. To the right, the Empire State Building towers above Manhattan.



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(Photo by Jen Galhardo)

Mike Grobbink (left to right), Tyrone Ferreira and Keith McIntosh are a few of the eligible men at Conestoga College who want to know what a girl wants.

Now, what girls want

By JEN GALHARDO

This is the second of a two-part series.

All right gentlemen, last week you had your chance to voice what you looked for in a woman and this week it is the ladies' turn.

It's always common to hear guys say they do not know what a girl wants from them and it's even more common to hear a guy say that girls are confusing. Well, here you go guys; this article will hopefully help you out when it comes to finding the right lady.

Female students at Conestoga College, when asked what they looked for in a male, had a wide variety of answers. They varied from being honest, trustworthy, romantic and spontaneous, to what's in the wallet.

Krista Haegens, a second-year office administration student, said it's important for a guy to be kind, have a good sense of humour and be attractive. "He has to have a nice body," she said.

Cleanliness and hygiene are also important to Haegens, as is money. "They have to have money too, not a whole lot, but enough."

Claire Jones, a first-year general arts and science student, said honesty and friendliness are excellent qualities in a guy. For Jones, a good sense of humour is the most important quality, and she does not want a guy with a bad attitude.

"He has to have a good attitude and a good outlook on life and has to have goals that he wants to reach, even if he's done school," said Jones.

Hiromi Naitoh, a first-year general arts and science student, said she finds a guy who is kind and has a good sense of humour attractive. Naitoh also says a little bit of jealousy from a male is all right, but she doesn't like a guy to be overly jealous.

Yuko Nakamura, a second-year general business student, said she looks for a guy who can understand she needs her space to be with friends sometimes. Nakamura also said guys who are rude are a turnoff and a guy should be outgoing.

"I don't care about what a guy looks like, but he has to be kind and funny and be able to entertain me," she said.

Nakamura said she wants a guy who will treat her with the same respect she treats him.

Amanda Scheerer, a first-year

marketing student, said she looks for a guy who is well-dressed, open-minded about new activities and is not overbearing. Although hygiene in a male is extremely important to Scheerer, intelligence is also substantial.

"I like to have a guy who can understand what I'm saying," she said. "I've actually been accused of making up words on a date before."

Scheerer said she wants a guy who is affectionate and has a job or is at least putting forth an effort to get a job.

Michelle Rosa, a second-year broadcasting student, said she likes guys who have a good sense of humour and are able to laugh because it shows they don't take life too seriously. Rosa also said although looks are not of great importance to her, she has to have some sort of attraction to the guy.

Christin Parkinson, a second-year broadcasting student, said she thinks looks and a great sense of humour go hand-in-hand. "There's nothing better than being able to laugh and have a great conversation."

Vespa owner excited about riding club

By JAMES CLARK

Wolfgang Koehler has a unique project for the frigid months that lie ahead.

The general manager of K-W Mitsubishi has taken it upon himself to form a club for Vespa owners.

"I will be searching for a local group, and if there isn't one around, I am definitely going to start hosting one," said Koehler, whose dealership has been selling the legendary scooter since October. The dealership is selling the ET2, ET4, Granturismo and vintage models. Prices for the new models start at just more than \$4,000. The ET2 can reach speeds of nearly 60 kilometres per hour while the sportier Granturismo can reach a top speed of 110 kilometres per hour.

Koehler, who owns two vintage Vespa scooters, said there are a number of riding clubs all across Canada. The clubs typically go to rallies and on cruise nights. This is the sort of thing he would like to have in the area.

"We would take tours down to Niagara-on-the-Lake to the wineries. We could even organize a trip to Italy, where the Vespa is made."

Vespa scooters haven't been sold in Canada for 18 years because the scooters' emissions didn't meet federal standards. Now with some re-designs, the Vespa is back in

Canada and is being sold at 14 dealerships across the country.

Koehler says there are new dealerships springing up all of the time because of demand for the bike.

"There is quite a bit of interest over this scooter," said Koehler. "So many people have Vespa memories, like riding on them while in Europe or the Caribbean."

The little scooter that could has quite a history. The first Vespa was built in 1946 in an aircraft factory that was bombed by the Allies just three years earlier. The owner of the factory, Enrico Piaggio, was looking for a way to make the factory turn a profit. He contracted Corradino D'Ascanio, an aerospace engineer famous for designing and flying the first modern helicopter, to create a form of transportation for the people of Italy.

The Vespa, a name that means wasp in English, was an instant success because of the design that was both practical and fashionable. The scooters' single-piece steel body provided the rider a place to set his or her feet while driving. The body also provided a stable ride on the dirt roads prominent in Italy. Soon the scooter was available in a number of countries, and, according to Koehler, was available in Canada through the Sears catalogue.

He said it is not uncommon to see many of these vintage scooters on the road today.

"The people that own these bikes look after them meticulously," said Koehler. "I've heard stories of people riding these scooters across Canada."

Currently, the biggest market for new Vespas is people between the ages of 30-50, but Koehler said he expects the demographics to change.

"Vespas are really a lifestyle thing, like the Beetle or the Mini, which appeals to all ages," said Koehler, adding many celebrities have been photographed riding Vespas.

He said a big difference between a Vespa and one of these cars is the affordability.

Koehler said an insurance agent told him an experienced driver would pay approximately \$30 a month for insurance.

"According to the agent a driver who is just starting out fresh will pay around \$90 a month," he said, adding a driver can travel nearly 200 kilometres on just \$4 of gas.

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On February 1, 2005, the general minimum wage will increase to \$7.45 per hour from the current rate of \$7.15 per hour. Annual increases will follow bringing the general minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on February 1, 2007. The increases are being phased in over four years and will also be reflected in all minimum wage categories.

To find out more about how the new minimum wage guidelines affect employers and employees, call or visit the Ministry of Labour web site.

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The Rum Runner Pub serves all ages

By DESIREE FINHERT

People young and old love the Rum Runner Pub in Kitchener, as it is an enjoyable place to eat, drink and be merry.

It is classy and sophisticated, ideal for an older crowd. But, despite its posh atmosphere, the establishment holds many attractive qualities that are appreciated by the young and hungry.

The Rum Runner Pub, at 1 King St. W., is on the lower level of the Walper Terrace Hotel. Yuk Yuk's comedy club is also on the lower level and adjacent to the pub.

The atmosphere suggests a men's private smoking club. Deep, velvet-upholstered armchairs, reminiscent of a Bombay tearoom, snugly meet around linen-clad tables. Mustard walls, with dark, wooden panelling enclose the restaurant, which is divided into several cosy rooms. The dining hall is carpeted in hunter green and warmed with diffused light.

With the porcelain lager dispensers perched on the long wooden bar, the pub emits a stuffy persona. But it succeeds in attracting both grannies and grandchildren by incorporating a '20s theme.

Framed replica newspaper articles depict prohibition, big band music and mobster shootouts. This entertaining theme is also throughout the menu, which notes different mobster's preferences.

When I arrived, the loud pop and rap music playing was an unpleasant

contrast to the intimate '20s speakeasy. Halfway through our meal the disc was changed to bluesy, acoustic guitar music, which was more appropriate.

The menu offers typical British entrees as well as pays tribute to Asia and the Mediterranean with dishes between \$8.95 to \$14.95.

Appetizers include baked Brie, spring rolls, wings and bruschetta as well as an appetizer platter that will feed four.

The baked Brie, \$6.95, came with roasted cranberries and toasted baguette slices.

The cheese was baked in phyllo pastry, which had become soft and pasty in taste and texture. The pastry worked against the flavour of the cheese. However, the soft, creamy Brie with the tangy roasted cranberries and the crunchy toasted baguette was a pleasant combination of taste and texture.

My companion ordered the beef and Guinness pot pie, \$8.95.

Surprisingly, the beef pot pie was lacking the pie.

Chunks of beef and savoury gravy were served in a ceramic dish and topped with a hat of flaky pie crust. The removable crusty top was certainly a new twist on presentation. It is both enjoyable as an accessory to the "pie" or crunchy accompaniment, crushed into flaky bits and eaten like bread in a stew.

All the entrees are accompanied by a choice of salad, french fries or rice. My companion and I both ordered the house salad. This was a



(Photo by Desiree Finherth)

The Rum Runner Pub, located at 1 King St. W., Kitchener, has more to offer than ordinary pub grub. Tucked away in the lower level of the Walper Terrace Hotel, the pub attracts a wide variety of people.

generous mix of fresh greens, julienne carrots cut by hand, mild radishes and tomatoes.

Our dressings varied, though. The blue cheese dressing consisted of real chunks of blue cheese. It had a creamy, mild flavour with a surprising tang. The raspberry vinaigrette was thick and sticky with a delicate acidity.

I ordered the grilled vegetable sandwich from the lunch menu,

\$7.95. The succulent roasted melody wants for nothing as a vegetarian option and knocks all other warm-vegetable sandwiches in town off their plates.

This was a wholly encompassing dish of two stuffed pockets. Eggplant, carrot and red and green bell peppers are roasted in balsamic vinegar and folded in warmed pita bread with melted Swiss cheese.

This creation was easy to hold and caused little mess despite the richly marinated juices. Truly, it was the best roasted-vegetable ensemble.

I was only able to eat one of the two sandwiches in order to save room for dessert. However, the dessert menu was not worth postponing my grilled-veggie delight.

There were three items on the dessert menu: apple caramel cheesecake, chocolate Oreo cheesecake and chocolate mousse cake. This was a disappointment as I don't eat chocolate and don't like cheesecake.

On this point, the establishment shows its distinction as a public house and not a cafe, although the simple addition of a fruit pie would add an element of variety.

Despite the lack of choice, I tried the apple caramel cheesecake, \$5.95. The dessert was a delicate after-dinner indulgence. Its filling was sweet and creamy, and topped with freshly sliced apples. However, the dessert lacked the decadence anticipated in a caramel cheesecake combination.

Overall, the wait staff was pleasant, attentive and accommodating. We arrived during a shift change and both servers were delightful. The main menu is diverse and the portions are generous.

The dining hall is cosy and comfortable with intimate surroundings.

The Rum Runner Pub would comfortably suit both a grandmother craving a pot of tea and young adults indulging in a pint.

Getting your news on the Net

There are reliable online sources out there

By KRISTEN MCMURPHY

What's going on in the world?

If you can't answer that question, there's a good chance you haven't been following the news.

Not caring about the news is an entirely different issue, but if your excuse is that you don't have time to pick up a newspaper, there's an easy way to get the news at your own convenience without turning on a radio or television.

The Internet puts the news right at your fingertips in the form of dozens of credible — and free — news websites.

If you have the time and are looking for a thorough report on what's happening, The Toronto Star at thestar.com keeps online readers even more updated than those who read the newspaper's printed version.

Organized into sections for Ontario, Canada and world news, The Star's site features news reports that run in its daily paper and also gets frequent updates as events unfold.

Along with the hard news, the website includes opinions and editorials, arts and entertainment and a life section. A section for Toronto and its surrounding area is also available.

Before gaining access to articles, first-time visitors to the website will be prompted to register for free by

entering an e-mail address.

The Globe and Mail's website, theglobemail.com, has a layout much like The Star's and is equally as useful as a source for news.

Radio news can also be found on the Internet and is an efficient way to get a grasp on what's happening.

Kitchener's local all-news station posts the radio news at

680news.com, and updates its website regularly. The website's sections and subsections for news, sports and entertainment make it easy to find what you're looking for. News stories are posted as they are read-on air, in brief but informative statements.

These stories lack the detail of newspaper stories, but give the necessary information in a short amount of time.

The CBC website has an impressive amount of information at www.cbc.ca.

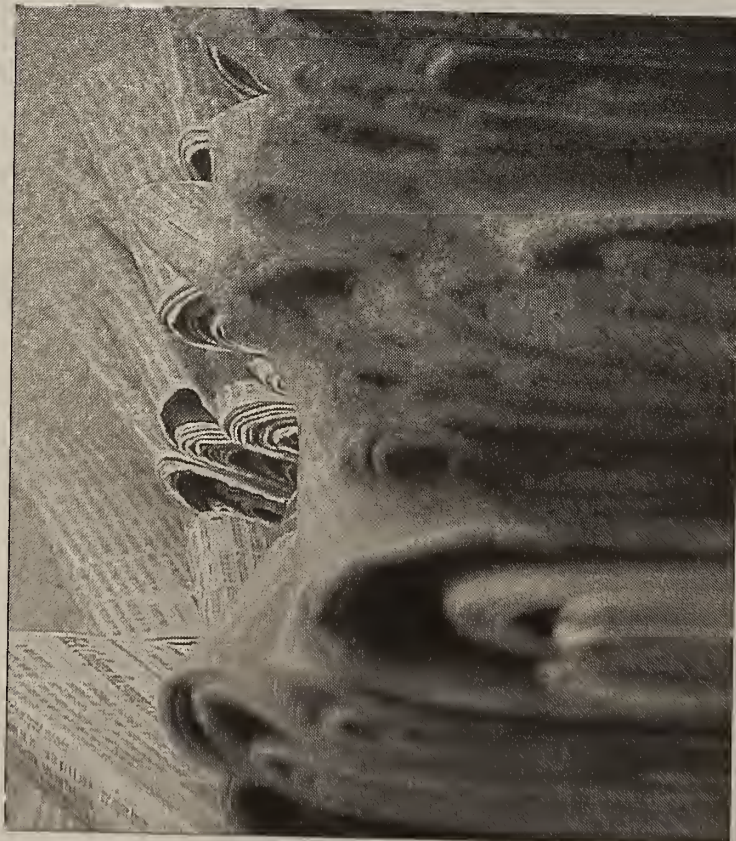
The latest headlines scroll across the screen at the top of the website's homepage above sections for news, sports, business and entertainment.

In addition to the news, the website has weather reports, a kid's section and links to CBC's radio and television programming, from CBC Radio 3 to CBC Newsworld.

You can even read Spoke online, at www.conestogac.on.ca/spoke. The website has a searchable archive dating back to 2001 and is updated weekly.

These are just the beginnings to what the Internet has to offer as a source for news.

Easily more accessible than a newspaper and not on the strict schedule of radio and television news, the Internet's news sources are a solution for people who want to get the news on their own time.



(Internet photo)

The news is right at your fingertips, in the form of many reputable news websites, like CBC Newsworld and the Toronto Star.

Like Google? Try Soople

By DENISE MULLER

Do you Google? Then maybe you should Soople.

Soople.com is a new search engine that gives the web surfer more search fields and more specific search fields for better search results.

It's a better way to find what you are looking for.

Soople offers not only specific search fields for normal Google searches, but also image, file-type, topic, domain and the latest news searches, to name a few.

However, although soople.com offers only Google and Google-related pages as search results, it is clearly stated at the bottom of the main page that, "Soople is in no way affiliated with or endorsed by Google."

The site has a built-in dictionary and translator and offers tabs at the top of the page for other options, including a topic tab to narrow a broad search.

You can sign up with soople.com to personalize your Soople experience and choose which search options you would like to have available to you.

Compared to other search engines, Soople's search results are slightly more defined and exclude most of that unwanted "this is my personal website" junk (unless that's what you're looking for).

Soople.ca is also in the works and should be available soon.



Horoscope

Week of Jan. 31, 2005



Aries
March 21 - April 19

You can be quick-tempered, but your dynamic and quick-witted personality will see you through to the best outcomes. Ignore this and shouting may lead to pouting.



Libra
September 23 - October 22

Take a rain check on those party plans, it's only the first few weeks back at your regular routine and already you're behind. Organize and schedule your time better to get ahead.



Taurus
April 20 - May 20

If you keep trying to make life something it's not you will be disappointed. Stop lying to yourself and to others. Enjoy what you have while you have it!



Scorpio
October 23 - November 21

You are a powerful and passionate person but it's hard for you to take a compliment and flattery. Be glad for the good feedback, it will make the bad times feel fewer and further between.



Gemini
May 21 - June 21

You have been off key, not unlike certain American Idol contestants who shall remain nameless. Maybe you should go back to the drawing board and start fresh on your goals.



Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21

OK so you made a blunder. Couldn't be as bad as goofing up your lip-sync on Saturday Night Live! Ah hem... Ashlee Simpson. Don't miss a beat and get yourself right back up and out there again.



Cancer
June 22 - July 22

Your priorities are stuck in the snow. You may need a tow truck or a miracle to get them out, but certainly don't leave them there and walk away no matter who is trying to influence you.



Capricorn
December 22 - January 19

Are you feeling the Freshman 15? Cause you sure don't look it! You are taking all of the challenges thrown at you in stride, and nothing's gonna bog you down, not even a few extra pounds!



Leo
July 23 - August 22

Something has sparked a fire in your eyes but Nelly will tell you that when you think about it over and over again, it will hurt so bad. There's no need to hash and rehash, this time around.



Aquarius
January 20 - February 18

You have a fascination with having fun. You do it, watch it, touch it, taste it and surround yourself with it. This brings good friendships your way that will last a lifetime.



Virgo
August 23 - September 22

What is your beef? It's not like you have been banned from reaching your ultimate destination. Try to stay optimistic you are undeniably a successful person and you will get there.



Pisces
February 19 - March 20

Take things personally much? Let's try to remember that people aren't thinking about you half the time you think they are. Get over yourself already and get on with your life.

Janet Morris is a 2nd-year journalism student in tune with the universe.

Funky event showcases art, music and fashion

By JASON SONSER

If you're a fan of the arts but don't want to travel a long distance to see a great show, then the Celebration of Funk is right up your alley.

The event, which will be held on March 18 at the Clarica Arena in the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, 101 Father David Bauer Dr. in Waterloo, will feature various performers and the work of fashion designers. There will also be local independent bands, fine art and vendors selling merchandise.

The doors will open at 7:15 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m.

Performers who will be at the event include Second Thought, The Guistini Sisters, Lynn Scott, Meghan Weber and the University of Waterloo Hip Hop Club. Also, the Encore Dance studio will be performing a number.

Fashion designers include Loop Clothing Lounge, Rat Boy Brown and 360 Degrees.

General admission is \$30 or \$25 for those attending a post-secondary institution. High school students can purchase their tickets through eyeGo to the Arts for \$5.

According to eyeGo's website (<http://www.eyego.org>), eyeGo to the Arts is a program that allows high school students to see a show of their choice for \$5 a ticket. All they have to do is pick the show they want to see, go to the box office for that show, show their student card and ask for a ticket through eyeGo to the Arts.

When high school students go to the show they must present their student card along with the ticket.

Tickets to Celebration of Funk are on sale at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex's box office.

Daniel Roth, 24, the event and artistic director of Celebration of Funk, said he's putting on the show to give people exposure to what is in the K-W area.

"Because I was raised in the theatre, I knew a lot of people who had a lot of talent in the area who just weren't getting exposure," Roth said. "All the performers are friends of mine but I only did that because I knew that they could perform. They all have extraordinary talent."

"People don't think of this area at all as a big fashion outlet, but there are quite a few very interesting retailers and designers in this area," Roth added. "Combined with the fine arts programs at Conestoga College and the two (universities), I thought we could really put together a nice show just to give people the exposure they deserve."

Roth, who is currently finishing his general BA in communication studies at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU), added he wanted to give people something to do as well.

Roth said it is being held over March Break because he wants to give people between the ages of 16-39 something to do.

"It's something to do that's not going to the bar, it's not going to the movies," he said.

Roth said Celebration of Funk is non-profit.

"Everyone helping out is a volunteer. The only people who are being paid are the venue, of course,

the event services company, that sort of thing," he said. "No one on the Celebration of Funk production team is being paid."

Proceeds will be donated to the arts departments of Conestoga College, the University of Waterloo and WLU, as well as the United Way of the K-W Area.

"People don't realize how underfunded the schools are," Roth said. "The two universities and the college aren't receiving the funds they need to keep programs alive."

Roth said WLU recently cancelled their fine arts program because of funding problems, and will phase it out by 2007.

He said as the event and artistic director of the show, he is pretty much responsible for everything.

"On the event director side, I'm responsible for financing, booking the venue, and making sure all the performers are ready to go. The artistic director looks after the visual aspects and the acoustic aspects," he said. "You put the show together and direct it. You do all the planning, the decorating, that sort of thing. You're in control of that, too. It's like I'm wearing two hats at the same time. One's an administrative side and the other one's more of a creative side."

Roth said he's been working on the Celebration of Funk since last February.

"I knew I'd be busy this term with my last semester of university so I was trying to prepare and get as much done as I could ahead of time," he said.

Roth said since he's giving the money away, he's having a hard time finding sponsorship and getting people interested in the show.

"Some of the response I've gotten from different people is that because I'm giving the money away, they don't want to give money to me because it would be easier to give (the money) on their own," he said. "Even though I'm giving them advertising, they don't look at it that way."

Roth said although he's having trouble finding sponsorship, he doesn't want to cancel any compo-

ment of the show. "I just have to keep working at it and we'll work something out," he said.

Some of the event participants have interesting backgrounds, one of which is Rat Boy Brown.

"If you're familiar with their story, two Uniroyal workers decided to start their own underwear line," he said. "It's funny because they're both middle-aged men, and they have their own underwear line. They're great people."

Roth said Meghan Weber will be performing during the intermission and before the show.

"She has kind of a jazz sound, she has a very silky voice, and her personality is just absolutely amazing," he said. "She can calm anybody with her song."

Roth said he loved the theatre growing up as opposed to other things like sports.

"I found (theatre) more fun, because I like the attention, I like being on stage and I'm always entertaining people. I've got that type of personality," he said. "Being out of that, (because of) university and college, I couldn't do that anymore, and I wanted to do something in the area."

Roth, who also has a diploma in journalism from Conestoga College, was on the board of directors for The Community Players of New Hamburg for about four years, where he gained experience putting on shows.

Roth said he also learned a lot during his college work term at the United Way, where he wrote profiles for their website.

"I dealt with about 40 different people. I talked with large corporate people, I talked to corporations, I talked to people who receive the money and I talked to agencies. I got the whole spectrum of who gives to the United Way and who receives (from them)," he said. "I got to learn the business in detail and I learned that it is a really good (organization)."

Roth said he decided to donate some of the proceeds to the organization because he wanted to give something back.

"I know (they) help so many people," he said.

For further information on Celebration of Funk, go to www.celebrationoffunk.com.



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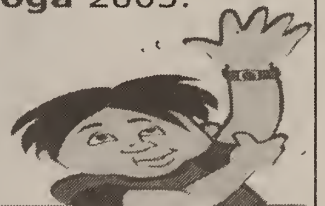
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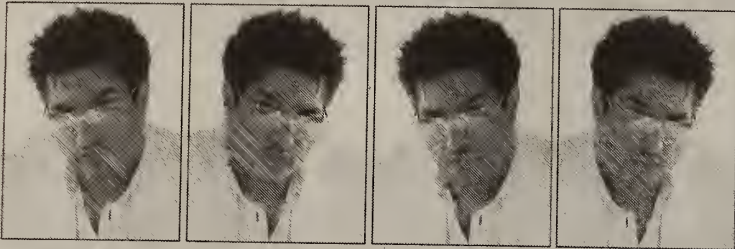
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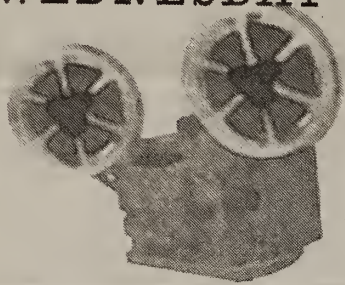


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Fairy tales living happily ever after

Today's movies maintain struggle of good against evil

Once upon a time, in the media-savvy world of the 21st century, fairy tales were no longer read from storybooks but watched in movie theatres.

A flurry of fairy tales have lit up the silver screen like a magic wand.

Fairies like Tinkerbell and Merryweather streaked the screen with dazzling fairy glitter. Enchanted household appliances ran amuck and cartoon animals added punchlines for comic relief.

But the once upon a times are changing.

Walt Disney held the fairy-tale torch for decades. Disney brought us evil villains like a greedy octopus and lovable heroes like a fox with kleptomania.

But, recently Disney's influences for its animated films has swayed away from Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson classics to myths, legends and modern stories that reflect a more ethnic audience.

Disney's last classic fairy tale was Beauty and the Beast in 1991. Since then DreamWorks, Miramax and other producers have been filling the happily-ever-after void.

Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) was at the forefront of the live-action fairy-tale scene, shedding all the magic of singing mice



Mike Bors & Desiree Finhert

Movie trends

and pumpkin carriages but retaining the good versus evil conflict and the romance of the lost-slipper story. Not to mention, one of Drew Barrymore's costumes certainly filled the glitter quota for any fairy-tale story, fairies or no fairies.

Ever After made fairy tales popular again.

Peter Pan was revived in 2003 and was followed by A Cinderella Story, The Prince and Me and Ella Enchanted. And two original tales, adapted from books, Shrek and The Princess Diaries, both had sequels released last year.

We have also seen a number of original live action fairy tales. 2001 gave us two memorable journeys into lands far, far away. The French import, Amelie, showed us an entirely new kind of enchanted land rooted in a young woman's desire to be accepted.

The Royal Tenenbaums is presented as a children's book, which tells the tale of a family of gifted children who all grow up to be disappointments.

Some of the most original of original fairy tales, in recent years, have come from screenwriter Charlie Kaufman who penned such journeys as Being John Malkovich and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

Most modern fairy tales are not animated and they lack objects that morph from gourds into vehicles, but the thread of a true fairy tale runs strong throughout.

Each maintains a struggle of good against evil, or a struggle to fit in, a romance with a charming prince, or a flying boy, a trial, a quest or a journey and an element of magic.

For those of us who grew up on Disney's animated fairy tales, and I don't know anyone who didn't, a modern spin on an old classic is refreshing and the original fairy stories being released whets the appetite for more.

Many of the new fairy tales like Shrek, The Prince and Me and Amelie are geared for a mixed audience of young and old. Parents are entertained by witty puns while their young children watch the talking animals and their teenagers are entertained by actors their own age.

Old or young, we can look forward to a new generation of fairy-tale movies whether they are new favourites or classics.

Pauly Shore Is Alive!

By BRENT GERHART

He once was a hit.

Throughout the early-to-mid-'90s Pauly Shore was on top of the comedy world and people could not get enough of "The Weiz...al."

But now, Pauly Shore Is Dead. No, not really, it's just a film directed, co-written and co-produced by Shore himself, that takes the viewer on a ride of what could have been.

Growing up as the son of Mitzi Shore, the owner of The World Famous Comedy Store in Hollywood, Shore was surrounded by stardom all his life, and it was no coincidence that he, one day, became a star.

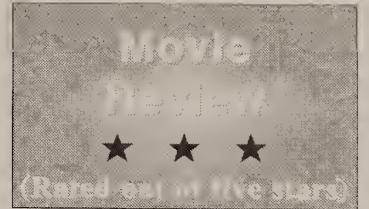
In 1990 Shore began to take North America by storm, as the Hollywood native went from hosting his own MTV show to starring in hit big screen comedies such as Encino Man, Son In Law and In The Army Now within five years.

Unfortunately for Shore, his popularity began to decline and his next two films, Jury Duty and Bio-Dome, did not receive much attention.

Then Shore's shtick ran dry. The comedic empire which he based his performance around grew tiresome and highlighted a lack of acting diversity.

After vanishing from the Hollywood radar for nearly eight years, Pauly Shore dwells on what could have been with a star-studded mockumentary based on his rise to stardom and sudden drop off the face of the earth.

In the wake of having his 1997 Fox TV sitcom, Pauly, fail miserably and be discontinued after its inaugural episode, Shore realizes his star power is dwindling and, in an attempt to be remembered as a comedic genius who died before his time, fakes his own death.



Once "dead," the world weeps in sorrow, as they remember Shore's brightest moments and mention his name alongside comedians Jon Belushi and Sam Kinison, who also suffered unexpected deaths.

However, slowly the truth of Shore's death begins to surface, and quickly everyone turns on the, once again, unheralded comedian, and he ends up serving time behind bars for his crime.

In prison, Shore becomes the cellmate of a religious Todd Bridges, neighbour of Tommy Lee, and becomes stalked by a crazed trailer park trash fan, Bucky From Kentucky (W. Earl Brown), who is less than pleased about his once favourite actor's antics.

Highlights of the film include several major, and not so major, celebrity cameos such as Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller, Britney Spears, Charlie Sheen, Andy Dick, Tommy Chong, Rico Suave, Mario Lopez and many more who all, in one way or another, take harsh shots at Shore and his acting career.

In addition to being shown in 10 selected theatres in the U.S., Pauly Shore Is Dead hit North America on DVD on Jan. 25. Extra features include deleted scenes and, although he narrates the film, movie commentary by Shore.

Like him or not, Shore must be given great credit for this 80-minute rollercoaster ride. Not every has-been comedian would have enough guts to take a look back at the hardest time of their life and ask current Hollywood stars to take shots at their once prestigious career.

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Where will you watch the big game?

By KATE BATTLER

There's only a week to wait until the big game and it's time you made some plans.

Super Bowl XXXIX will take place on Feb. 6 in Jacksonville, Fla. and if you're looking to go somewhere for a good time there are a number of local spots that just may have what you're looking for.

Here are a couple of places in Kitchener and Waterloo I scouted out that look to have some of the best deals and prizes going.

The Edelweiss Sports Bar and Grill has a tailgate party planned that includes, among other things, a Chicago 58 which is a half-pound, foot-long hotdog with all the toppings.

Manager Jason Miller also says they have lots of prizes to give away.

"We have over 200 prizes that will be given away throughout the game."



While many of them will be Super Bowl memorabilia in the form of T-shirts, hats and key chains, there will also be a NFL jacket and a personal DVD player.

The party is also being sponsored by Budweiser and will have a few Bud girls on hand who will be doing draws for additional prizes.

With many televisions located throughout the establishment there is no doubt that the place will be happening on Super Bowl Sunday.

Another place that will be rocking will be the Still Bar and Grill in downtown Kitchener.

In addition to two giant seven-by-10-foot screens, the game will also be shown on a number of smaller screens throughout the bar.

Manager Darryl Moore says there will also be prizes available in between each quarter as well as a grand prize of a 32-inch television and a runner-up prize of a beer fridge.

The Still is being sponsored by Molson and the Molson Extreme Team will be on hand to give out some prizes.

Food-wise at the Still there is a great deal with all-you-can-eat wings for \$5.

Caribou Creek in Waterloo is also being sponsored by Molson.

Brian Jobs, the manager at tavern, says they will be setting up a big screen in the back room to complement the smaller screens in the front.

With a free pre-game buffet and Molson's prizes including glasses, coolers and chairs, Caribou Creek has a lot to offer.

Jack Astor's, a big place to watch football anytime of the year, has a big tailgate party planned for the Super Bowl.

Manager Simon Evans says they will be giving away jerseys as well as other things.

Jack's will also have free platters of food that are served throughout the game.

Here are some of the places that have something planned but on a smaller scale.

Crabby Joes will be raffling off a big-screen television along with some other prizes.

They will also be having free chili, pretzels and nachos.

McGinnis Front Row is planning trivia games and relay races, all with prizes, says Krista MacVicar, the manager.

Front Row will also be having a 50-cent wing deal but everyone needs a \$5 ticket to get in.

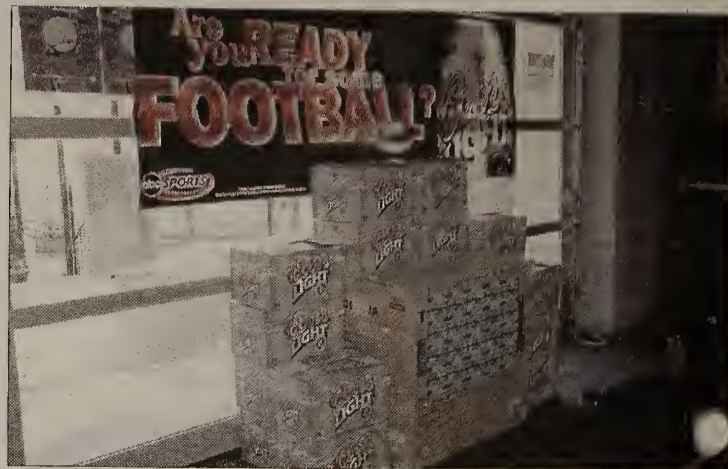
Molly Bloom's Irish Pub is planning on giving away a Budweiser recliner among other things.

Molly's will also have half-priced wings and \$4 domestic pints.

Kelsey's will be having a football pool with prizes as well as door prizes.

Montana's Cookhouse will be offering half-priced appetizers and \$3.99 wings but the manager says they don't really plan a lot for the Super Bowl.

If you can't find what you are looking for at any of these places, try having a tailgate party of your own, and make sure to invite all your friends.



(Photo by Kate Battler)

The Still is just one of many bars that will be giving away a television during their Super Bowl party. This one, surrounded by Coors Light cases, is the grand prize.



(Photo by Kate Battler)

Crabby Joes has more than 20 televisions on site, including two big screens, and they'll all be tuned to the Super Bowl on Feb. 6.

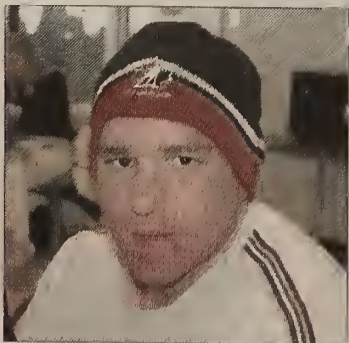
It's a toss up when picking winners

By KATE BATTLER

Do you know who's going to win the 39th Super Bowl?

In a survey of Conestoga students, some students explained why they think the Philadelphia Eagles will pull off a victory, while others said they know why New England will dominate for a second year.

Ryan Strickler believes the Eagles will pull off a win even if wide-receiver Terrell Owens isn't back in the lineup.



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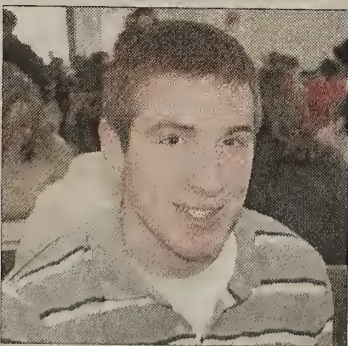
Strickler

"(Donovan) McNabb's just doing too good right now and it's their time," he said.

Keith McIntosh, a first-year materials and operations manage-

ment student, believes in Philly and McNabb as well.

"It's time he wins and I really, really want Tom Brady to lose because I don't like him," he said.



(Photo by Kate Battler)

McIntosh

The dislike of the Patriots was also shared by a second-year student in the cabinet maker apprenticeship program.

"I really don't like the Patriots," he said, "and I'm sick of Tom Brady."

On the other side stands those who think New England will come out on top again.

Colin Silva, a first-year law and security administrations student, believes the Pats will win after their showing against the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 16.

"They have solid defence that held the Colts, one of the best offences in the league, to only three points," he said.

Silva also said this shows that New England's defence is dynamite.

"Brady's the man."

Corey Dunbar, a first-year management studies student, thinks the Patriots have it in the bag.

"They're a dynasty and Brady is a pretty damn good quarterback," he said.



(Photo by Kate Battler)

Dunbar

I also think the Patriots will win. They have showed great poise under pressure and the ability to stop whatever is thrown at them, from the Colts high-powered passing game to the Pittsburgh Steelers brute-force running game.

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